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DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, West, F. J. Russell, Clerk, L. T. Barker; Treasurer, W. W. Hastings; Superintendent of Schools, E. C. Bowler; School Committee, Miss Jane Gibson, C. E. Valentine, Z. W. Bartlett, East; Town Agent, A. E. Herrick; Collector, H. H. Bean; Auditor, Calvin Bisbee.

MAIL SERVICE.

MAILS CLOSE.
Going East, 8:40 a. m., 3:15 p. m.
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.

MAILS ARRIVE.

From East, 10:50 a. m., 4:50 p. m.
From West, 9:15 a. m., 3:45 p. m.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, Main street, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Pastor. Sunday—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:15 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Tuesday—Class meeting, 7:30 p. m. Friday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNIVERSALIST, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNION CHURCH, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

BAPTIST, Middle Intervale and East Bethel, supplied by W. H. T. Book. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m. East Bethel—Preaching service, 2:30 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

LIBRARY.

Public Library, Broad street. Open Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p. m.; Saturday, 4 to 8 p. m. Over 2000 volumes. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, President; Annie Frye, Secretary; Mrs. O. M. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Librarian.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M.—C. E. Abbott, W. M.; N. E. Richardson, S. W.; A. V. Barker, J. W.; M. W. Chandler, T. G.; J. C. Billings, Sec. Meets second Tuesday of each month.

MR. ABRAHAM LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 31—J. W. Smith, N. G.; A. O. Frost, V. G.; Chas. Mason, Rec. Sec.; C. C. Bryant, F. S.; S. I. French, Treas. Meets Saturday evenings.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 44—Mrs. Della Smith, N. G.; Miss Martha Gibson, V. G.; Miss Jane Gibson, R. S.; Mrs. W. D. Hastings, F. S.; Mrs. G. A. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL GRANGE, No. 56—S. E. Cummings, Master; Mrs. C. E. Valentine, Lecturer; C. E. Valentine, Secretary. Meets Saturday afternoons, once in two weeks.

SUNBURY COL., No. 50, U. O. P. F.—J. C. Billings, Gov.; E. C. Park, Sec.; E. S. Kilborn, Treas. Meets the first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 27, J. O. U. A. M.—F. J. Tyler, G. S.; S. A. Gibson, R. S.; John Yates, F. S.; Harry Jordan, Treas. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—Ira Jordan, P. G. A. M. True, Adj. Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

Brown Post, W. R. C., No. 36—Mrs. Ira C. Jordan, Pres.; Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Sec.; Miss E. E. Burnham, Treas. Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Bethel W. C. T. U.—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Pres.; Mrs. Arthur Varley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Sec.; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Treas. Meets Tuesday, once in two weeks.

CORPORATIONS.

Bethel Savings Bank.—S. B. Twitchell, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Chair Co.—J. H. Barrows, Pres. E. L. Tebbets, Treas.

Bethel Water Co.—Enoch Foster, Pres. A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Dairying Co.—W. E. Abbott, Manager.

Riverside Park Association.—C. M. Wormell, Pres.; E. C. Rowe, Treas.

SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Club, Congregational.—Pres. Mrs. A. E. Herrick; Vice Pres. Mrs. Gilbert Tuell; Sec. Miss Mary True; Treas. Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Meets Thursday afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Universalist.—Mrs. L. A. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Sec.; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Treas. Meets Wednesday afternoon.

Literary Society, Methodist.—Mrs. W. D. Hastings, Pres.; Mrs. Calvin Bisbee, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Wilfred Bowler, Sec. Miss Addie Gordon, Treas.

Ladies' Circle, Methodist.—Mrs. John Swan, Pres.; Miss Minnie Capen, Sec.; Mrs. Ira Jordan, Treas.

Columbian Club.—Mrs. A. E. Herrick, Pres.; Miss Annie M. Frye, Sec. Mrs. T. F. Hastings, Treas.

UNITED ORDER OF GOLDEN CROSS No. 484.—N. C. J. H. Barrows, W. T. Calvin Bisbee, F. K. R. S. W. Grover; K. of R. F. W. Bisbee.

ABOUT TOWN

Judge Herrick attended probate court in Fryeburg this week.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ceylon Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt are receiving congratulations, the occasion being the birth of a son.

Miss Ida Palmer of Brunswick, who has been visiting Dr. Sturdivant for a few days, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Holt have returned from a visit in Randolph, N. H., where Mrs. Holt's sister resides.

"He laughs best who laughs last." If you take Hood's Sarsaparilla you may laugh first, last and all the time, for it will make you well.

Mr. Edward Woodbury, formerly of Sweden, now employed at the Industrial School in Lancaster, Mass., spent Friday at Mr. J. U. Purington's.

Mr. Edwin P. Holt has opened a paint shop in the Charles Mason store on Main street. Mr. Holt's work is too well known here to need any recommendation.

The following officers have been elected at the M. E. Sunday school for the ensuing year.

Supt., C. H. Davis, Asst. Supt., E. L. Arno, Sec. and Treas., Miss A. E. Gordon, Librarian, Irving Wilson, Organist, Miss Ethel Morse.

We are not ashamed to look a man in the face every winter for fifteen or twenty winters after we have sold him a Beckwith Round Oak. They always do just as we say they will do. For sale by Hastings Bros., Bethel, Me.

Mr. James Bartlett was quite severely injured at the station last Friday night, caused by falling from the platform as he was stepping from the train. He was rendered unconscious for a short time, but soon retained consciousness and is steadily improving.

The Berlin Mills Co. has made two large timber deals with Bethel parties during the past week. Some 150,000 of pine on the Greenwood road in Albany has been purchased of J. U. Purington and over 100,000 on the Capen farm of Ira C. Jordan. This pine will be cut during the present winter, and saved at the Bethel Chair Factory.

We are to have a new physician in town in the person of Dr. J. B. Twaddelle, who is to open an office at once in Chapman block. Dr. Twaddelle is a graduate of Bowdoin, class of 1877, and has been in active practice since then. He comes to Bethel with the reputation of being one of the best surgeons in Somerset county and a good allround physician.

The window of Edward King is decidedly attractive this week. He has unquestionably the finest display of Christmas goods in his line that ever was displayed in the town of Bethel, and if Santa Claus don't have a picnic when he reaches King's store, he is a different sort of a chap than we think he is. Mr. King has taken much pride in selecting a stock from which the most fastidious may select, and if we can't find what suits us in the jewelry line at his store, we must be fastidious indeed.

D. S. Hastings arrived Monday from Montana with 17 horses. Mr. Hastings carries on an extensive business there raising horses, cattle and sheep. Almost all of his cattle and all of his sheep were disposed of before he started for Maine, but he left upon his ranch about 100 horses, besides the ones that he brought here. Although these horses have never been handled, yet they seem very kind and gentle for horses that have always run wild upon the prairie, and with handling will make excellent horses. Mr. Hastings says times are very good in the West, and that all kinds of stock is selling at far better prices than could be obtained one year ago.

Mrs. Ella Carter is visiting in Portland.

Ethel Richardson is visiting friends in Norway.

The Methodist and Congregational pastors exchanged pulpits Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Eldridge has been ill for a few days but is feeling much improved.

H. C. Rowe returned yesterday from a short hunting trip in Grafton Notch.

Wilfred Bowler has been visiting at his old home in Palermo for the past few days.

Rev. Mr. Rand, missionary for the Oxford County Congregational Conference was in Bethel Monday.

Albert C. Eames, principal of the High school at East Denmark, is spending his vacation at his home near Swan's Corner.

The Federation of Clubs meets with the Congregational Ladies' Club in Garland chapel, Thursday Dec. 7, at 2:30 p. m.

We are pleased to report that Irving Clark who has been so seriously ill for the past few months is much improved.

Miss Ellen Douglass came home last Friday, from Errol, N. H., where she has been teaching during the summer and fall.

The friends of Leon Walker will be pleased to learn that he has been given a place in the Bowdoin Glee Club, and sang in Gardiner for the first time last week.

Ceylon Rowe wishes to announce that he has a fine lot of ladies' cloaks, also men's and boys' suits and overcoats that he will close out cheap. Call and see him.

George Ryerson was injured to some extent while playing football upon the common Thanksgiving day. He was confined to the house for a few days but is now able to be out again.

Major Hastings and wife started today for the south where they will spend the winter. They will visit friends at Thomasville, Georgia, also at Albany, Savannah, and several other places.

New Subscribers.

The following names have recently been placed on the subscription list of the News:

L. B. Hopkins, Roland Holt, Cordelia Watson, Geo. Peabody, Elmer Cross, Edith Boothman, Freeman Tirrell, V. B. Grover, T. Hovenden, Mrs. H. H. Cushman, B. Jackman, Mrs. E. A. Wight, Dr. Sturdivant, M. C. Twitchell, A. E. Verrill, Merrill Bartlett, John Swan, Alice C. Willis, Parker Braden, Mrs. H. B. Maxfield, Geo. Watson, Paul Lowe, Jos. J. Estes, Mr. Bartlett, W. M. Watson, True Estes, Mrs. N. H. Tyler, Chester Wheeler, Mrs. Ellen Wormell, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Wm. Washburn, Geo. A. Gagne, Mrs. A. J. Farwell, Mrs. E. R. Fothergill, H. P. Wheeler, P. L. Watts, Jas. E. Good, Rose Crooker, D. M. Smith, H. J. Bean, Gertrude Richards, D. O. Wight, Mrs. J. S. Phipps, Diana Wight, Mrs. Geo. Lapham, Henry M. Lombard, Mrs. Oliver Howard, Dr. J. B. Twaddelle.

THANKSGIVING NOTES.

B. B. Clough was at Geo. E. King's.

Howard Carter was in town from Berlin.

Dr. G. L. Sturdivant spent the day at Brunswick.

Emery Young and wife were at Mrs. M. A. Merrill's.

Misses S. L. and L. C. Hall were entertained at Dr. Morton's.

Geo. E. King came home from Cupsuptic, returning Monday.

Mrs. Alice J. Farwell spent the day at her old home in Gilead.

Wilfred Bowler and family, were with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bowler.

Rufus Skillings and family were with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tuell and Mrs. Mary Brackett were at Dr. Tuell's.

Mrs. Susan Douglass and family were entertained at the Locke House.

I. W. Mason and wife of Rumford Falls were with Mrs. Mason's mother.

Col. C. S. Edwards visited his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Phipps, at Milan, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Swan entertained N. T. Swan and family of East Bethel.

William Eldridge of New Bedford, Mass., was entertained at Moses Mason's.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hanscom were with Mrs. Hanscom's parents at Mechanic Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler spent Thanksgiving with their daughter in Gilead.

G. R. Wiley and family, including A. G. Wiley and wife, were entertained at Dr. Wiley's.

Miss P. M. Buxton, Miss Mary True and Major True were with Dr. and Mrs. Gehring.

Geo. Farnsworth, Fred Merrill, and Robert Bisbee of Bowdoin, came home, returning Monday.

Dr. F. I. Brown and wife of South Portland, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrook.

E. H. Young and family, Jamie and Marguerite Finney were entertained at Mrs. Olive Young's.

Ed Barker was down from Shelburne and spent the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Barker.

Fordyce B. Brooks and wife of Upton were with Mrs. Brooks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Barker entertained Miss E. E. Burnham, Miss Elvora Hatch, Clarence Fox, and Miss Lottie Fox.

Miss Edith Grover came home from Portland to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grover.

L. L. Mason and family of Portland, and the Misses Boothby and Mason of Berlin, N. H., were with Mrs. O. M. Mason.

Mr. Henry Hastings and Miss Carrie Hastings of Portland, and Miss Fannie Hastings of Auburn, were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. St. John Hastings.

At S. B. Twitchell's were Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Varley, Dea. H. H. Chapman and family, Dea. E. C. Chamberlain and family, C. E. Valentine and family, and Mrs. Garland.

Dancing Party at Odeon Hall.

The writer is surely not alone in the opinion that few country towns give their young people the advantages of so refined and altogether delightful social pleasures as those which the young people of Bethel enjoy.

The charming dancing party given by Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Den Kerckhoven to their young friends in Odeon Hall on Monday evening, but strengthens one in this optimistic conviction and adds the record of another brilliant success in social annals.

Odeon Hall looked very attractive in its company dress, with the usual accessories of rugs, lamps, and cushions. Daintily laid refreshment tables, flanked by tall lamps with colored shades, filled three corners, and the fourth was

occupied by the receiving party. That was effectively arranged with a large crimson rug with background of screens, ferns, and potted plants, which made a most artistic setting for the charming young bride in her exquisite wedding gown of white organdie over white silk.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Den Kerckhoven were assisted in receiving, by Mrs. Gehring, Mrs. Herrick, and Miss Carrie Hastings. All of the ladies wore beautiful flowers, the gift of Mr. Van Den Kerckhoven; Mrs. Van Den Kerckhoven, violets, the matrons, cream roses, and Miss Hastings, pink roses. Mr. Durward Mason, Mr. Edw. King, Mr. Gilman Chapman, and Mr. Edwin Harvey served with ease and efficiency as ushers. Misses Ethel Eames and Ruth King were at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Den Kerckhoven were untiring in tactful attention to their guests, all of whom expressed the warmest appreciation of the courtesy which had given them such a wholly enjoyable evening. To the other good wishes which we are just now lavishing upon this young couple, may be fittingly added the hope that all their social endeavors may be crowned with the entire success which rests upon this initial one.

A Great Treat in Store.

About one month ago, Mr. Frank R. Conklin of New York, the reader and impersonator of national fame, appeared before a Bethel audience for the first time, but those who heard him resolved then and there that it should not be the last time.

The Volunteer Hose company have accordingly made arrangements to have him appear in Odeon hall, next Friday evening, Dec. 8, and the simple fact that it is the re-appearance of Frank R. Conklin should be sufficient to fill Odeon hall to the doors. He is an artist of the first order, and one of the best entertainers that has ever appeared upon an American platform. Don't take heresays, but ask anyone who heard him in the Congregational church in November.

Mr. Conklin is one of whom an audience never tires; he keeps them in good spirits from start to finish and sends them home laughing. He is a man who can interest an audience night after night, having given sixty-seven entertainments in New York city last season. It is he who was chosen to entertain at the recent banquet given to President McKinley at the Waldorf-Astoria. Such is the calibre of the man who is to re-appear in Bethel.

The entertainment will be under the auspices of the Volunteer Hose Company which fact should also prompt our people to attend. Our people well know that the Volunteer Hose Company do not do things at halves. When they advertise a good time, they furnish a good time, and they have arranged for a treat for Bethel people, and it is hoped that a large number will come out and enjoy it. An intermission will occur during the entertainment when refreshments will be served.

Thanksgiving Hop.

The Thanksgiving Hop given by the H. E. of T. C., (which mysterious initials, after giving no end of torture to refractory brains, turned out to mean Hearty Eaters of Turkey Club) was a very pleasant affair. Some forty couples of invited guests joined in the march and dances which followed. These same young men have before provided themselves to be most delightful hosts, and on this occasion they but repeated the story of former successes. Mrs. Philbrook, Mrs. Gehring, Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Mrs. Twaddelle and Mrs. Herrick were present as matrons, pleasantly encoined in the usual pretty cozy corner.

The presence of our college boys at home for the Thanksgiving recess, gave particular pleasure to all who cherish—as who does not?—a pride and interest in Bethel at Bowdoin.

The spirit of good cheer and good fellowship, which was everywhere in evidence, was thoroughly in keeping with the happy spirit of the day, and the young gentlemen surely have reason to congratulate themselves upon the entire success of their undertaking.

NORWAY.

The union meeting in the Congregational church was fully attended and exceedingly helpful.

Several members of Company D enjoyed target practice on their new grounds on Cole's meadow.

A "night-cap" social in the Congregational vestry attracted a large gathering Tuesday evening. Supper was served at 6:30.

Thanksgiving Day was observed in the usual style with reunions and big dinners. The shoe factories shut down all day and all places of business were closed before noon.

The K. of P. ball Thursday evening was a success in every respect. Over seventy-five couples participated in the excellent order of dances. The Norway orchestra furnished the music.

Large parties have thoroughly enjoyed the small amount of skating during the past week. A cove on the Little Androskoggin near So. Paris village seemed to be the popular resort.

Albert J. Stearns' new law office over Freeland Howe's insurance rooms is nearly ready for occupancy, and will be pleasant and comfortable when the furnishings are in place. Mr. Stearns moves from the Savings Bank building.

The Festival chorus met again Monday evening. Prof. Chapman's new books are in the hands of each member, and all are enthusiastic over the brilliant music. An addition of new members to the list of names gives an impetus to each individual singer.

The Universalist choir, composed of Mrs. Frank Kimball, soprano; Agnes Beal, contralto; Frank Kimball, tenor; and Geo. Briggs, baritone, assisted in the sacred concert at the Congregational church, South Paris, Sunday evening.

"A Start in the World," is Rev. B. S. Rideout's subject next Sunday evening. This is the second lecture in a series of six, and should be attended by all. As these subjects follow in a logical order it is necessary to attend the first discourses, so as to more fully grasp the spiritual meaning throughout the course.

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. Porter Farwell is spending the week in Portland.

Mrs. Catherine Bean is spending a few weeks with friends at Bethel Hill.

Z. W. Bartlett loaded a car with pine lumber at Locke Mills last week.

Mrs. George Tracy is visiting relatives in New Hampshire and Canada.

Miss Margaret Ross from Lewiston has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Tracy.

Mrs. Emma Putnam from Dixfield and Mrs. Susie Perkins from Auburn visited this place last week.

Miss Mattie Tracy has returned to Lawrence, Mass. Her mother, Mrs. W. H. Tracy, will spend the winter with her son, Arthur Tracy.

A Narrow Escape.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 1.—Last Wednesday evening, as Mr. Edwin C. Farwell of Reading, Mass., was driving through Peabody to Salem, to attend an I. O. O. F. lodge meeting, his horse became frightened at a place in the street where it was being repaired. Mr. Farwell was thrown out and dragged some distance, resulting in three broken ribs, a broken shoulder blade and four scalp wounds. He was picked up by two brothers of the lodge, who were also driving, and taken to the Salem city hospital, in a semi-unconscious condition. He was operated upon and his wounds dressed; when last heard from he was in a very painful condition. His injuries may necessitate a stay of eight or ten weeks at the hospital, before he can be moved to his home. His relatives and friends in this vicinity will be pained to hear of this accident. His frightened horse was stopped in Salem. Mr. Farwell has been a skillful driver all his life.

IN HIS STEPS.

"What Would Jesus Do?"

By Charles M. Sheldon.

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"You already know something from reports of Raymond that have gone over the country what the results have been, but one needs to come here and learn something of the changes in individual lives, and especially the change in the church life, to realize all that is meant by this following of Jesus' steps so liberally. To tell all that would be to write a long story or series of stories. I am not in a position to do that, but I can give you some idea perhaps of what has happened here from what has been told me by my friends and Henry Maxwell himself.

"The result of the pledge upon the First church has been twofold—it has brought about a spirit of Christian fellowship which Maxwell tells me never before existed and which now impresses him as being very nearly what the Christian fellowship of the apostolic churches must have been, and it has divided the church into two distinct groups of members. Those who have not taken the pledge regard the others as foolishly literal in their attempts to imitate the example of Jesus.

"Some of them have drawn out of the church and no longer attend, or they have removed their membership entirely to other churches. Some are an internal element of strife, and I heard rumors of an attempt on their part to force Maxwell's resignation. I do not know that this element is very strong in the church. It has been held in check by a wonderful continuance of spiritual power, which dates from the first Sunday the pledge was taken a year ago, and also by the fact that so many of the most prominent members have been identified with the movement.

"The effect on Henry Maxwell is very marked. I heard him preach at our state association four years ago. He impressed me at the time as having considerable power in dramatic delivery, of which he himself was somewhat conscious. His sermon was well written and abounded in what the seminary students used to call 'fine passages.' The effect of it was what the average congregation would call pleasing. This morning I heard Maxwell preach again for the first time since then. I shall speak of that further on. He is not the same man. He gives me the impression of one who has passed through a crisis of revolution. He tells me this revolution is simply a new definition of Christian discipleship. He certainly has changed many of his old views. His attitude on the saloon question is radically opposite to the one he entertained a year ago, and in his entire thought of his ministry, his pulpit and parish work I find he has made a complete change. So far as I can understand, the idea that is moving him on now is the idea that the Christianity of our times must represent a more literal imitation of Jesus, and especially in the element of suffering. He quoted to me in the course of our conversation several times the verse from Peter, 'For hereunto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps,' and he seems filled with the conviction that what our churches need today more than anything else is this factor of suffering for Jesus in some form.

"I do not know that I agree with him altogether; but, my dear Caxton, it is certainly astonishing to note the results of this idea as they have impressed themselves upon this city and upon this church.

"You ask how about the results on the individuals who have made the pledge and honestly tried to be true to it. Those results are, as I have said, a part of individual history and cannot be told in detail. Some of them I can give you, so that you may see that this form of discipleship is not merely sentiment or fine posing for effect.

"For instance, take the case of Alexander Powers, who was superintendent of the machine shops of the L. and T. R. R. here. When he acted upon the evidence that incriminated the road, he lost his position, and, more than that, I learn from my friends here his family and social relations have become so changed that the family no longer appear in public. They have dropped out of the social circle where once they were so prominent. By the way, Caxton, I understand in this connection that the commission, for one reason and another, postponed action on this case, and it is now rumored that the L. and T. R. R. will pass into a receiver's hands very soon. The president of the road, who, according to the evidence submitted by Powers, was the principal offender, has resigned, and complications which have arisen since point to the receivership. Meanwhile the superintendent has gone back to his old work as a telegraph operator. I met him at the church yesterday. He impressed me as a man who had, like Maxwell, gone through a crisis in character. I could not help thinking of him as being good material for the church of the first century, when the disciples had all things in common.

"Or take the case of Mr. Norman, editor of the Daily News. He risked his entire fortune in obedience to what he believed was Jesus' probable action and revolutionized his entire conduct of the paper at the risk of a failure. I send you a copy of yesterday's paper. I want you to read it carefully. To my

mind, it is one of the most interesting and remarkable papers ever printed in the United States. It is open to criticism, but what could any mere man attempt in this line that would be free from criticism? Take it all in all, it is so far above the ordinary conception of a daily paper that I am amazed at the result. He tells me that the paper is beginning to be read more and more by the Christian people of the city. He is very confident of its final success.

"Read his editorial on the money question; also the one on the coming election in Raymond, when the question of license will again be an issue. Both articles are of the best from this point of view. He says he never begins an editorial or, in fact, any part of his newspaper work without first asking, 'What would Jesus do?' The result is certainly apparent.

"Then there is Milton Wright, the merchant. He has, I am told, so revolutionized his business that no man is more beloved today in Raymond. His own clerks and employees have affection for him that is very touching. During the winter, while he was lying dangerously ill at his home, scores of clerks volunteered to watch or help in any possible way, and his return to his store was greeted with marked demonstrations. All this has been brought about by the element of personal love introduced into the business. This love is not mere words, but the business itself is carried on under a system of co-operation that is not a patronizing recognition of inferiors, but a real sharing in the entire business. Other men on the street look upon Milton Wright as odd. It is a fact, however, that while he has lost heavily in some directions he has increased his business and is today respected and honored as one of the best and most successful merchants in Raymond.

"And there is Miss Winslow. She has chosen to give her great talent to the poor and wretched of the city. Her plans include a musical institute where choruses and classes in vocal music shall be a feature. She is enthusiastic over her life work. In connection with her friend Miss Page she has planned a course in music which, if carried out, will certainly do much to lift up the lives of the people down there. I am not too old, my dear Caxton, to be interested in the romantic side of much that has also been tragic here in Raymond, and I must tell you that it is well understood there that Miss Winslow expects to be married this spring to a brother of Miss Page, who was once a society leader and clubman and who was converted in a tent where his wife that is to be took an active part in the service. I don't know all the details of this little romance, but I can imagine there is a little story wrapped up in it, and it would be interesting reading if we only knew it all.

"These are only a few illustrations of results in individual lives owing to obedience to the pledge. I meant to have spoken of President Marsh of Lincoln college. He is a graduate of my alma mater, and I knew him slightly when I was in the senior year. He has taken an active part in the recent municipal agitation, and his influence in the city is regarded as a very large factor in the coming election. He impressed me, as did all the other disciples in this movement, as having fought out some hard questions and as having taken up some real burdens that have caused and still do cause suffering of which Henry Maxwell speaks, a suffering that does not eliminate but does appear to intensify a positive and practical joy.

"But I am prolonging this letter, possibly to your weariness. I am unable to avoid the feeling of fascination which my entire stay here has increased. I want to tell you something of the meeting in the First church today.

"As I said, I heard Maxwell preach. At his earnest request I had preached for him the Sunday before, and this was the first time I had heard him since the association four years ago. His sermon this morning was as different from his sermon then as if it had been thought out and preached by some one living on another planet. I was profoundly touched. I believe I actually shed tears once. Others in the congregation were moved like myself. His text was: 'What is that to thee? Follow thou me.' And it was a most unusually impressive appeal to the Christians of Raymond to obey Jesus' teachings and follow in his steps, regardless of what others might do. I cannot give you even the plan of the sermon. It would take too long. At the close of the service there was the usual after meeting that has become a regular feature of the First church. Into this meeting have come all those who made the pledge to do as Jesus would do, and the time is spent in mutual fellowship, confession, questions as to what Jesus would do in special cases and prayer that the one great guide of every disciple's conduct may be the Holy Spirit.

"Maxwell asked me to come into this meeting. Nothing in all my ministerial life, Caxton, has so moved me as that meeting. I never felt the Spirit's presence so powerfully. It was a meeting of reminiscences and of the most loving fellowship. I was irresistibly driven in thought back to the first years of Christianity. There was something about all

this that was apostolic in its simplicity and Christ imitation.

"I asked questions. One that seemed to arouse more interest than any other was in regard to the extent of the Christian disciples' sacrifice of personal property. Henry Maxwell tells me that so far no one has interpreted the spirit of Jesus in such a way as to abandon his earthly possessions, give away all his wealth or in any literal way imitate the Christians of the order, for example, of St. Francis of Assisi. It was the unanimous consent, however, that if any disciple should feel that Jesus in his own particular case would do that there could be only one answer to the question. Maxwell frankly admitted that he was still, to a certain degree, uncertain as to Jesus' probable action when it came to the details of household living, the possession of wealth, the holding of certain luxuries. It is, however, evident that very many of these disciples have repeatedly carried their obedience to Jesus to the extreme limit, regardless of financial loss. There is no lack of courage or consistency at this point. It is also true that some of the business men who took the pledge have lost great sums of money in this imitation of Jesus, and very many have, like Alexander Powers, lost valuable positions owing to the impossibility of doing what they had been accustomed to do and at the same time doing what they felt Jesus would do in the same place. In connection with these cases it is pleasant to record the fact that many who have suffered in this way have at once been helped financially by those who still have means. In this respect I think it is true that these disciples have all things in common. Certainly such scenes as I witnessed at the First church at that after service this morning I never saw in my church or any other I never dreamed that such Christian fellowship could exist in this age of the world. I am almost in credulous as to the witness of my own senses. I still seem to be asking myself if this is the close of the nineteenth century in America.

"But now, dear friend, I come to the real cause of the letter, the real heart of the whole question as the First church of Raymond has forced it upon me. Before the meeting closed today steps were taken to secure the co-operation of all other Christian disciples in this country. I think Henry Maxwell took this step after long deliberation. He said as much to me one day when I called upon him and we were discussing the effect of this movement upon the church in general.

"Why," he said, "suppose that the church membership generally in this country made this pledge and lived up to it. What a revolution it would cause in Christendom! But why not? Is it any more than the disciple ought to do? Has he followed Jesus unless he is willing to do this? Is the test of discipleship any less today than it was in Jesus' time?"

"I do not know all that preceded or followed his thought of what ought to be done outside of Raymond, but the idea crystallized today in a plan to secure the fellowship of all the Christians in America. The churches through their pastors will be asked to form disciple gatherings like the one in the First church. Volunteers will be called for in the great body of church members in the United States who will promise to do as Jesus would do. Maxwell spoke particularly of the result of such general action on the saloon question. He is terribly in earnest over this. He told me that there was no question in his mind that the saloon would be beaten in Raymond at the election now near at hand. If so, they could go on with some courage to do the redemptive work begun by the evangelist and now taken up by the disciples in his own church. If the saloon triumphs again, there will be a terrible and, as he thinks, unnecessary waste of Christian sacrifice. But, however we differ on that point, he has convinced his church that the time has come for a fellowship with other Christians. Surely, if the First church could work such changes in society and its surroundings, the church in general, if combining such fellowship, not of creed, but of conduct, ought to stir the entire nation to a higher life and a new conception of Christian following.

"This is a grand idea, Caxton, but right here is where I find myself hesitating. I do not deny that the Christian disciple ought to follow Christ's steps as closely as these here in Raymond have tried to do, but I cannot avoid asking what the result will be if I ask my church in Chicago to do it. I am writing this after feeling the solemn, profound touch of the Spirit's presence, and I confess to you, old friend, that I cannot call up in my church a dozen prominent business or professional men who would make this trial at the risk of all that they hold dear. Can you do any better in your church? What are we to say—that the church would not respond to the call, 'Come and suffer'? The actual results of the pledge as obeyed here in Raymond are enough to make any pastor tremble and at the same time long with yearning that they might occur in his own parish. Certainly, never have I seen a church so signally blessed by the Spirit as this one. But am I myself ready to take this pledge? I ask the question honestly, and I dread to face an honest answer. I know well enough that I would have to change very much in my life if I undertook to follow his steps so closely. I have called myself a Christian for many years. For the past ten years I have enjoyed a life that has had comparatively little suffering in it. I am—honestly I say it—living at a long distance from municipal problems and the life of the poor, the degraded and the abandoned. What would the obedience to this pledge demand of me? I hesitate to answer. My church is wealthy, full of well to do, satisfied people. The standard of their discipleship is, I am aware, not of a nature to respond to the call to suffering or personal loss. I say, 'I am aware.' I may be mistaken. I may

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have erred in not stirring their deeper life. Caxton, my friend, I have spoken my inmost thought to you. Shall I go back to my people next Sunday and stand up before them in my large city church and say, 'Let us follow Jesus closer; let us walk in his steps, where it will cost us something more than it is costing us now; let us pledge not to do anything without first asking, 'What would Jesus do?' If I should go before them with that message, it would be a strange and startling one to them. But why? Are we not really to follow him all the way? What is it to be a follower of Jesus? What does it mean to imitate him? What does it mean to walk in his steps?"

The Rev. Calvin Bruce, D. D., of the Nazareth Avenue church, Chicago, let his pen fall on the paper. He had come to the parting of the ways, and his question, he felt sure, was the question of many and many a man in the ministry and in the church. He went to his window and opened it. He was oppressed with the weight of his convictions, and he felt almost suffocated with the air of the room. He wanted to see the stars and feel the breath of the world.

The night was very still. The clock in the First church was striking midnight. As it finished a clear, strong voice down in the direction of the Rectangle came floating up to him as if borne on radiant pinions:

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone
And all the world go free?
No! There's a cross for every one,
And there's a cross for me."

It was the voice of one of Gray's old converts, a night watchman at the packing houses, who sometimes soled his lonesome hours by a verse or two from some familiar hymn.

The Rev. Calvin Bruce turned away from the window, and after a little hesitation he knelt down. "What would Jesus do? What would Jesus do?" Never had he yielded himself so completely to the Spirit's searching revealing of Jesus. He was on his knees a long time. He retired and slept fitfully, with many awakenings. He rose before it was clear dawn and threw open his window again. As the light in the east grew stronger he repeated to himself, "What would Jesus do? What would he do? Shall I follow his steps?"

The sun rose and flooded the city with its power. When shall the dawn of a new discipleship usher in the conquering triumph of a closer walk with Jesus? When shall Christendom tread more closely the path he made?

It is the way the Master trod.
Shall not the servant tread it still?

With this question throbbing through his whole being the Rev. Calvin Bruce went back to Chicago, and the great crisis of his Christian life in the ministry suddenly broke irresistibly upon him.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Away With the Envelope.

The latest fad with the ultra fashionable is the absence of the envelope. We have gone back to the days of the olden times, when the red wafers and the sealing wax and the folded paper were all that custom demanded or knew. The modern or recalled fashion has substituted the daintiest tinted wafers to match the paper, heliotrope, robin's egg blue, cerulean, lilac, fawn or cream for the muddled flap of the envelope.

One must write on a big sheet if it is a letter, on the smaller size for notes, invitations, etc.; fold and seal and then a wafer may be added for extra strength, or the seal alone will answer if one desires. Sometimes the paper is folded like the cocked hats or the dainty squares which not even a curious postman would trouble to daily with, and then, if one will, the seal and wafer may be dispensed with.

Do you want to know how to fold these dainty missives? Then just ask grandma. I warrant she has not forgotten, for if all's true that's said she had plenty of them in her young days. Just ask her. She'll deny her billets doux at first no doubt, but she'll be pleased just the same to recall them and teach you how they came to her.

The envelope is a barbarism evolved by a suspicious inventor, or maybe by one who was practical rather than artistic. However, fashion moves in cycles, and the cycle of the envelope is passing. If you intend to adopt this new style of sending letters, be sure that your paper is heavyweight enough to stand the journey, and when you receive one, in turn, do not cut and slash as you have been accustomed to do with the envelope, but remove the wafers, break the seal, and the writing will greet your eye untorn.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune

Birthmark in the Eye.
Jesse Lee of Atlanta has the letters of the alphabet clearly imprinted on the iris of his eyes. He inherits this strange phenomenon from his father, A. F. Lee, who had the same markings on his eyeballs. The grandmother of Jesse Lee is said to have pored incessantly over the Bible previous to the birth of her son, and it is supposed that the birthmark is due to her constant application to the letters of the alphabet.

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Choice Verse.

The Launch.

All is finished! and at length
Has come the bridal day
Of beauty and of strength.
Today the vessel shall be launched!
With fleecy clouds the sky is blanched
And o'er the bay,
Slowly, in all his splendor dight
The great sun rises to behold the sight.

The ocean old,
Centuries old,
Strong as youth, and as uncontrolled,
Paces restless to and fro,
Up and down the sands of gold.
His beating heart is not at rest;
And far and wide,
With ceaseless flow,
His beard of snow
Heaves with the heaving of his breast.

He waits impatient for his bride,
There she stands,
With her foot upon the sand,
Decked with flags and streamers gay
In honor of her marriage day,
Her snow-white signals fluttering, blending,
Round her like a veil descending,
Ready to be
The bride of the gray old sea.

—Longfellow.

Wolsey's Speech to Cromwell.

Cromwell, I did not think to shed a tear
In all my miseries; but thou hast forced me,
Out of thy honest truth, to play the woman.
Let's dry our eyes: and thus far hear me, Crom-
well!

And—when I am forgotten, as I shall be,
And sleep in dull, cold marble, where no mention
Of me more must be heard of—say, I taught thee,
O Cromwell, that once trod the ways of glory,
And sounded all the depths and shoals of honor—
Found thee a way, out of his wreck, to rise in;
A sure and safe one, though thy master missed it.
Mark but my fall, and that that ruined me.
Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition!
By that sin fell the angels; how can man, then,
The image of his Maker, hope to win by't?
Love thyself last; cherish those hearts that hate
thee;

Corruption wins not more than honesty.
Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace,
To silence envious tongues. Be just, and fear not:
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's, and truth's; then if thou fall'st, O
Cromwell!

Thou fall'st a blessed martyr.
Serve the king; and—pr'y thee, lead me in:
There take an inventory of all I have,
To the last penny; 'tis the king's; my robe,
And my integrity to heaven, is all
I dare now call mine own. O Cromwell, Crom-
well!

Had I but served my God with half the zeal
I served my king, he would not in mine age
Have left me naked to mine enemies!

—Shakespeare.

Heaven.

Beyond these chilling winds and gloomy skies,
Beyond death's cloudy portals,
There is a land where beauty never dies,
Where love becomes immortal;

A land whose life is never dimmed by shade,
Whose fields are ever vernal;
Where nothing beautiful can ever fade,
But blooms for eye eternal.

We may not know how sweet its balmy air,
How bright and fair its bowers;
We may not hear the songs that echo there,
Through those enchanted bowers.

The city's shining towers we may not see
With our dim earthly vision,
For Death, the silent wanderer, keeps the key
That opens the gates elysian.

But sometimes, when adown the western sky
A fiery sunset lingers,
Its golden gates swing inward noiselessly,
Unlocked by unseen fingers.

And while they stand a moment half ajar,
Gleams from the inner glory,
Stream brightly through the azure vault afar
And half reveal the story.

O land unknown! O land of love divine!
Father, all-wise, eternal!
O, guide these wandering, wayward feet of mine
Into those pastures vernal!

—Nancy A. W. Priest.

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THE MODEST PARTNER OF THE
TRANSVAAL'S PRESIDENT.

There is a striking similarity between
the wife of the head of the Boer re-
public in South Africa, Paul Kruger,
and the wife of one of the greatest of
European statesmen, the late Prince
Bismarck. While the name of their
husbands was or is in every one's
mouth, both the Princess Bismarck
and Mrs. Paul Kruger have remained
modestly in the background, and yet
the influence of the Princess Bismarck
over her stern, unyielding husband
doubtless was considerable, and it is
stated by his intimate friends that the
equally unyielding president of the
South African Republic never fails to
consult his wife on important ques-
tions of state.

But, aside from the value of her wo-
manly advice, Mrs. Kruger, as a good



MRS. KRUGER.

wife, certainly has contributed largely
to the mental and bodily strength
which her husband shows despite his
years.

A Chicagoan who is familiar with
the life of the Kruger household said
a few days ago of Mrs. Kruger:

"The first impression a visitor to
President Kruger's house receives is
that Mrs. Kruger, whom he ordinarily
will find engaged in some domestic
work, is exclusively a painstaking
housekeeper. In this, however, he is
mistaken, as the following examples
of her tact and prudence will show:

"Once, when the presidential man-
sion, which is a little two story cot-
tage, was surrounded by guards dur-
ing the Jameson raid, Mrs. Kruger
overheard one of them speaking Eng-
lish. She suspected treachery im-
mediately and hastened to the rear cham-
ber, where Oom Paul was speaking,
and warned him of the danger. Though
the guard turned out to be thoroughly
loyal, the president acceded to his
wife's request and had him promptly
removed.

"When the executive council is dis-
cussing state measures in the reception
room, Mrs. Kruger is always sitting
just across the hall and knows all the
time what is going on, though her
motherly, quiet demeanor would indi-
cate that her thoughts rested on noth-
ing but her knitting.

"At such times she might remind
one of the terrible Mme. Lafarge, who,
before the French revolution, used to
knit the names of aristocrats which
were mentioned in her husband's place
of business as oppressors of the com-
mon people. However, there is nothing
bloodthirsty or vindictive in good old
Mrs. Kruger's benevolent eye.

"There is no pomp or social splendor
attached to her life, and she looks after
her own cooking. Nevertheless, Mrs.
Kruger, as a member of the celebrated
Duplessis family, is of the same blood
as Cardinal Richelieu and from the
quality of her ancestry might be war-
ranted in assuming worldly position.
She has borne Oom Paul 16 children,
seven of whom are living in and about
Pretoria, and her family affection,
which is strong, is divided among them
and her husband."

Women Fencers in Berlin.

The latest society amusement for the
ladies of Berlin is fencing. The scene
of their activity in this direction is the
aristocratic Berliner Fechtklub, situ-
ated in a fine, large hall on Prince
Louis Ferdinand street. This club was
founded only five years ago, and at
first saw many vicissitudes, but the
kaiser's marked interest in military
sports and encouragement of such en-
terprises have done much to make the
club a success.

Its membership is drawn almost en-
tirely from court circles, offering, as it
does, an interesting variation from
staid court functions. The introduc-
tion of the ladies is the latest improve-
ment in the club arrangements. Here
they come frequently to practice with
the foils, especially in the mornings,
when the men are not around. Some
of the members of the gender sex
have become experts at fencing, which
is not nearly so easy as it appears, and
find that their health is greatly im-
proved by the good exercise which it
affords.

The teachers are highly
pleased with the progress of their lady
pupils, and say that many of them will
soon be able to hold their own with
some of the male members of the club.
The privileges are, of course, extend-
ed to none but the wives and daughters
of members of this club, and, as it is
a most exclusive organization, none
but the leaders of art and fashion are
admitted. The walls of the fencing
hall are hung with rapiers and swords
of various kinds, with fencing masks
and the other paraphernalia necessary
for the sport.

Lockers are provided for the men
and women, in which they keep their

"fighting clothes," the apartment for
ladies' dressing rooms being, of course,
separate from the men's. None but
ladies are admitted during the morning
hours when they are practicing, but
the number of ladies who have taken
up this sport is growing rapidly from
day to day. They retain their presence
of mind and coolness to a surprising
degree, even going so far as to make a
few modest bets of pounds of candy or
boxes of gloves on who will make the
first "touch."

The best of the fencers are always
surrounded by a ring of admiring spec-
tators, watching their lithe and grace-
ful movements or trying to learn some
of their tricks of fence. The rage for
fencing, which has started among the
higher circles of the Prussian capital,
is already spreading among the middle
class, and there is promise that many
similar clubs will be started there,
some of them exclusively by and for
women, so that they need not confine
their hours of exercise to those when
the men do not care to use the hall.

The Girl of the Period.

"Girls are dreadful faddists," said a
man the other day. "I am so used to
seeing them do odd things that I hard-
ly notice any departure from the ordi-
nary now, unless it is very conspicu-
ous, but I would certainly like to know
what inspired one young woman I no-
ticed on the street the other day to
wear a college pin on her sleeve just
above her elbow. Now, to wear one's
heart on one's sleeve is perfectly allow-
able, though daws do peck, but where,
I ask, is the sense of wearing a badge
in that impossible place to show that
you have a friend at Harvard or Yale
or Princeton?"

"And she held her arms akimbo, too,
in obedience to another idiotic fad, so
that he who ran would run against it
and be impaled on the sharp edge.

"I suppose, of course, you have no-
ticed the different shapes into which
the soft felt hats of the maids are
bent. One girl creases hers down the
center in the popular style, another
hers so that it presents a bowl-like ap-
pearance on top, and still another—I
saw this one only today—allows the
crown of hers to form a cone, which
she dents on the four sides. Depend
upon it, this last young woman is still
suffering from the effects of the Span-
ish-American war. Perhaps her lover
was killed in it, and she wears her hat
shaped like his in memory of him.

"Let us hope, at least, that some
such pure and exalted motive impels
her to make a fright of herself, for she
looked nothing less so capped—perhaps
I should say so hatted.

"The fashion of carrying a single
large rose to the theater, a reception or
german is a pretty idea, and no one
will object if the custom assumes
alarming proportions. You know at
least one girl, of course, who is never
seen without a bunch of violets tucked
into her corsage, so it's useless to dilate
upon her, though she's sweet.

"This silver chain around the waist
craze is going to be carried to a terrific
extent too. I see that it's too good an
opportunity for the sex to assume the
shackles they love to display to neg-
lect. They'll be wearing anklets after
awhile, see if they don't."

"But there. Why blame them for a
taste probably inherited from Eve? At
any rate, these fads are harmless ones
usually and so should be passed over
in silence by our sex."—Baltimore
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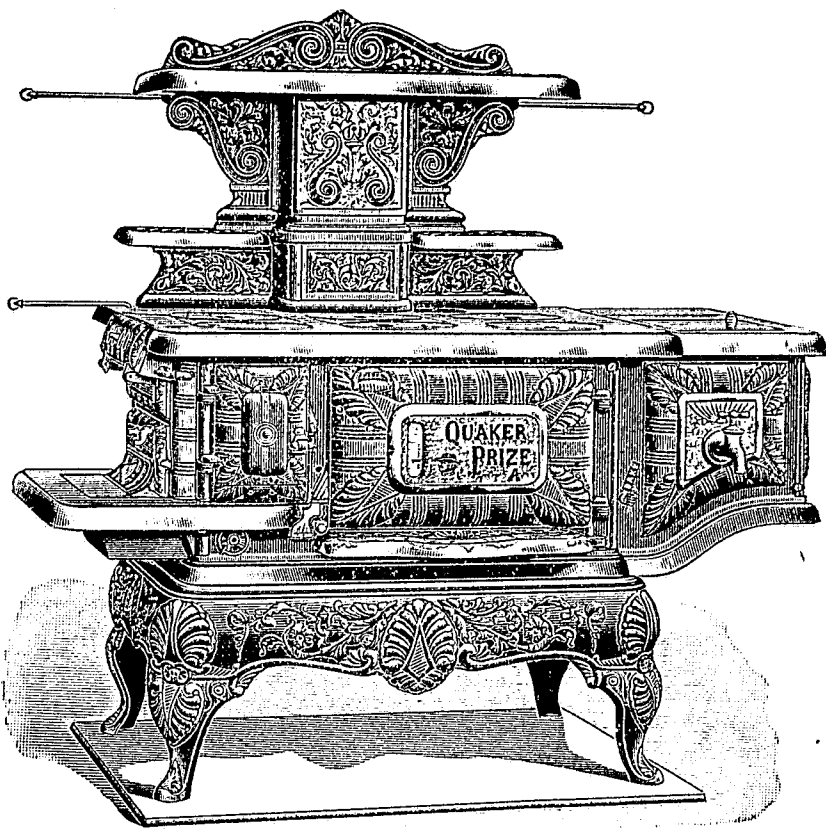
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CHRISTMAS
PRESENT

News Voting Contest

The above is an exact picture of the Quaker
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present. This is positively one of the best
ranges on the market, and one that retails for
\$50.00. It would be useless to enter into any
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any woman could justly feel proud.

CONDITIONS

This will be made, as the name implies, a
voting contest and will be conducted as follows:

Each paper during the life of the contest will
contain one coupon which when properly filled
out and presented at the News office, will count
one vote.

Every dollar paid on new subscriptions will
count 100 votes.

Every dollar paid on old subscriptions, in ar-
rears will count 20 votes. Old subscriptions if
paid up and one year in advance will count 50
votes to each dollar paid.

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The contest will close on Friday, December
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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the
Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for
the County of Oxford, on the third Tues-
day of November, in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine,
the following matter having been presented
for the action thereupon hereinafter indi-
cated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons
interested, by causing a copy of this order to
be published three weeks successively in the
Bethel News a newspaper published at Bethel,
in said County, that they may appear at a
Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the
third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1899, at 9 o'
of the clock in the forenoon and be heard there-
on if they see cause.

MILTON HOLT, late of Bethel, deceased;
will and petition for probate thereof pre-
sented by Vienna Holt, the executrix therein
named.

HANNAH J. OARR, late of Upton, deceased;
petition for the appointment of Elmer C.
Park of Bethel, as administrator, presented
by John A. Twaddle, a creditor.

CEYLON RUSSELL, late of Bethel, deceased;
first and final accounts presented for allow-
ance by William R. Eames, administrator.

MARIA F. ATHERTON, ward, of Newry;
second account presented for allowance by
Charles D. Atherton, guardian.

ADISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
At a copy—attest:
SWER ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss.
Taken on execution which issued on a
judgment rendered by the Supreme Judicial
Court within and for the County of Oxford,
the term thereof begun and held at Paris, in
said County, on the second and third days
of October, A. D. 1899, to-wit: on the nineteenth
day of October, A. D. 1899 in favor of Fred C.
Davis, of Fryeburg, in the County of Oxford,
aforesaid, collector of taxes for said town of
Fryeburg against Abel E. Eaton, of Upton, in
the County of Upton, an State of Oregon,
for forty six dollars and eighty cents debt or
damages, and thirteen dollars and forty two
cents, costs of suit, and will be sold at public
auction, on Saturday, the sixth day of Janu-
ary, A. D. 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon,
at the place of Messrs. J. W. Warren, in Frye-
burg, in said County of Oxford, the following
described real estate, to-wit: all certain title and
interest, which the said Abel E. Eaton had in
and to the same as the "sixteenth day of
March, A. D. 1899, at the place of Messrs. J. W.
Warren, in Fryeburg, in said County of Ox-
ford, and a small parcel of land, situated in
said Fryeburg and is bounded, northeasterly by
land of Mrs. A. and F. Pike, and perhaps in
part by land of Dr. S. C. Gordon, and land of
Messrs. D. R. Hussey, southeasterly by
land of land of Dr. S. C. Gordon, and land of
Dr. S. C. Gordon, and perhaps by land of John L.
Gordon, and a small parcel of land, occupied
and perhaps by land of Emerson and Bick-
ford, said premises comprise the former
homestead of the late John B. Eaton.
Dated Nov. 28th, 1899.

G. C. SHIRLEY, Deputy Sheriff.

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bed and 18-inch swing, one wood
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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6, 1899.

Joel Chandler Harris contributes to the Christmas number of The Saturday Evening Post an authentic account of the daring attempt to warn the Confederate cabinet of the great movement whereby Grant and Sherman were to cooperate in crushing the Confederacy. How the attempt failed and why it failed are the subjects of a chapter of the little-known history of the Secret Service. Mr. Harris has his facts first-hand, and he has woven them into a story of such absorbing interest that it might easily be mistaken for pure fiction.

It is quite evident that the good men and true who have been chosen to represent the people of the United States in our National House have no place for a polygamist within their ranks. This was practically decided yesterday when the resolution of Mr. Taylor of Ohio providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate Mr. Roberts' case was carried by a vote of 302 to 30. When Mr. Roberts made his appearance in Representative Hall there was in front of the clerk's desk a monster petition said to consist of 7,000,000 names, one tenth of the entire population of the United States. It consisted of 28 rolls of paper, each about two feet in diameter, and enrolled in the American flag.

General Prosperity.

Although the people of the United States have seen extremely depressing times during the past few years, yet the breeze of prosperity has again fanned our fair country, and to-day from north, south, east, and west, alike, comes a general old time rejoicing over the blessings of peace and plenty.

The mines which honeycomb our hills are pouring forth an enormous production, our factories and workshops hum with the merry music of industry, while our agricultural products are whitening every sea; and yet how inadequate are all these to meet the demands that the world is putting upon them. New mines are being opened, new mills are springing into existence all over our country, new railroads and steamships are being constructed, all of which are constantly increasing the present unsupplied demand for labor.

No one, or at least few, to-day, are taking occasion to complain of the times, and methinks that those few would continue to complain if perchance December's snowflakes should be transformed into glistening diamonds. Be this as it may, the general rank and file of the American people is rejoicing over the wonderful impetus that has been felt in all business circles during the past few months.

"A contented mind is a continual feast." Let us not commiserate ourselves and those around us for fear of a possible reaction which some pessimistic seer sees gathering above the horizon of our accelerated progress, but rather be contented with our present happy lot, and feast upon the rich blessings which are ours to enjoy.

Another College Scores One for Civilization.

Speaking in regard to the recent action of the students of the University of Maine in voting to abolish hazing, President Harris said: "As this result was brought about without any pressure from the college authorities and seems to have the unanimous and cordial support of the students themselves it is a hopeful indication that we have seen the end of a practice which has nothing to recommend it, and is a source of anxiety to

teachers, and one that is dangerous to the students." The papers signed by the students read as follows: "We, the undersigned, hereby agree during our college course, to take no part in hazing, and to use our influence to dissuade others from doing so."

One by one our colleges have abandoned this objectionable practice, and it is to be hoped that before the "Century of Progress" closes that not a college in our country will have failed to take this progressive step.

Contest.

The following is the standing this week. Who will lead next week?
Mrs. Walton Wight, 3439
Mrs. E. E. Holt, 2942
Mrs. Jane Wheeler, 1987
Mrs. H. H. Cushman, 1737
Mrs. E. N. Robertson, 593
Mrs. John B. Chapman, 389
Mrs. Scott Robertson, 341
Lila V. Young, 125
Mrs. H. V. Chapman, 125
Mrs. W. H. Holmes, 114
Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell, 291
Mrs. Ida Clough, 1

NOTE.—Question has been raised as to whether votes once counted for one person can be transferred to another. To this question we have to reply in the negative. This has been our decision in all contests that we have conducted. Such a course, while it would be taken in good faith, in some cases, might lead to gross unfairness in others, and it has therefore seemed best to make it the rule that votes credited in the paper to a contestant can not be re-credited to another.

G. A. R. Officers.

At the last meeting of Brown Post, No. 84 G. A. R., held Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

P. C.—A. H. Hutchinson.
S. V. C.—M. R. Coburn.
J. V. C.—R. Howe.
Chap.—A. W. Grover.
Serg.—J. A. Morton.
O. D.—Ira C. Jordan.
O. G.—O. M. Phelps.

MASON.

C. F. Brown went to South Paris Friday.

Archie Hutchinson and wife went to Gilead, Thursday.

A. J. McAllister and family were down from Gilead, Sunday.

Monday morning there were four inches of snow and plenty of deer hunters.

Saturday, Dec. 2, frogs were croaking and striped squirrels were out running around.

S. O. Grover and wife passed Thanksgiving with his brother, A. B. Grover, in Bethel.

Elmer Stiles has moved from Addison Bean's to F. I. Bean's, where he intends to stay this winter.

Arthur Tyler and wife went to Bolster's Mills, last Wednesday, to pass Thanksgiving with Mrs. Tyler's father, Mr. Benjamin Skillings.

Lewis Merrill of South Waterford, was in town Sunday after Leland Mills to work for him. They went to Waterford Sunday afternoon.

G. R. Wiley, Bethel; A. S. Bean, W. Bethel; W. H. Crockett, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; A. R. Small & Son, Bryant Pond guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. nrlj

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DENMARK.

Geo. Jordan and wife spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Waterford.

Owen Head came up from Portland to spend Thanksgiving, returning Monday.

A. C. Eames is spending a portion of his ten days' vacation at his home in Bethel.

Arthur Pendexter came up from Portland to spend Thanksgiving, and returned Friday morning.

A. B. Ordway and wife went to Harrison to spend Thanksgiving with their children, Mrs. Frank Bennett and Mrs. Will Freeman.

Elwood Pendexter came home, Wednesday evening, for the winter. He has worked, painting, during the summer at Greenwood, Mass.

Mr. Eugene Higgins, who has lived the past two years on the Robinson place at East Denmark, is moving to North Limington, where he has a steady job in a mill.

The Senior class of the High school held a social at James E. Ingalls' at East Denmark, Monday evening, Nov. 27. There were nearly one hundred present, and the receipts of the evening were about \$10.00.

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STATE OF MAINE.

Cumberland, ss.

Taken this twenty-eighth day of October, A. D. 1899, on execution dated October 20, 1899, issued on a judgment rendered by the Superior Court for the County of Cumberland, at a term thereof begun and held on the first Tuesday of September, A. D. 1899, to wit, on the second day of October, 1899, in favor of the Chapman National Bank of Portland in the County of Cumberland, against J. W. Mason and H. Mason, both of Mexico in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, and Frank Mason of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for Three thousand three hundred forty-three and 6/100 (\$3343.06) dollars debt or damage, and Nineteen and 36/100 (\$19.36) dollars costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction at the Sheriff's Office at South Paris, in the County of Oxford, to the highest bidder, on the fifteenth day of December, A. D. 1899, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest which the said Frank Mason has in and to, or based on the third day of April, 1899, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, the time when the same was attached on the writ in the same suit in and to the following described real estate in said County of Oxford, to wit:

The homestead farm of William W. Mason, late of Bethel, deceased, situated in said Bethel, being the same premises described in a deed from Eunice H. Mason and Ayers Mason to William W. Mason, dated May 11, 1875, recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Book 136, Page 386.

Also all the land situated in the town of Bethel that is described in a deed from Michill Mason to William W. Mason, dated January 21, 1873, recorded in said Oxford County Registry Book 167, Page 168.

Also the Swift field, so called, situated in said Bethel, being the same premises described in a deed from Betsey K. Swift to William W. Mason, dated September 6, 1873, recorded in Oxford County Registry, Book 172, Page 200, and the same described in deed from Betsey K. Swift, guardian, to said Mason, dated September 6, 1873, recorded in said Registry, Book 169, Pages 527 and 528.

Also certain parcels of land situated in the town of Albany in said Oxford County, comprising the Albany Farm, so called, and being all and the same premises described in a deed from John A. Pingree to William W. Mason, dated September 3, 1873, recorded in Oxford County Registry, Book 168, Page 6.

Also certain land known as the Stowe land, situated in the town of Newry in said Oxford County, being the same premises described in a deed from Andrew N. Stowe et al to William W. Mason, dated June 19, 1875, recorded in Oxford County Registry, Book 172, Page 144. Excepting the parcels heretofore conveyed to A. N. Stowe and Francis C. Stowe by deeds dated August 13, 1885 and April 16, 1885, duly recorded in said Oxford County Registry.

Also lot 3, range 9, in Riley Plantation in said Oxford County, being the same premises described in a deed from Calvin Bisbee to William W. Mason, dated Novem-

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LEWISTON,

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ber 26, 1886, recorded in Oxford County Registry, Book 189, Page 116.

Also all the pine trees standing and growing on land in Andover in said Oxford County, described in a deed from Alvira A. Harding to Charles P. Bartlett and William W. Mason, dated July 25, 1890, recorded in said Oxford County Registry, Book 188, Page 202.

Also certain lots of land situate in Byron in said Oxford County, being lot 7, range 12, lot 7, range 13, and 3 1/2 lots in Tobin land, so called, in said Byron, being the same premises described respectively in deed from Abigail J. Hodsdon to William W. Mason, dated June 12, 1888, recorded in Oxford County Registry, book 217, page 504, deed from Charles P. Bartlett to Wm. W. Mason, dated January 9, 1890, recorded in said Registry, Book 221, Page 320, and deed from Charles P. Bartlett to William W. Mason, dated August 20, 1890, recorded in said Registry, Book 216, page 444; excepting from the lands described in said deeds any lands conveyed by said William W. Mason prior to his decease.

Also lots 8, 9 and 10 in range 4 lots 8 and 9 in range 3, 1/2 in common and undivided of lot 11 in range 8, and 1/2 in common and undivided of lot 11 in range 1, all in the town of Roxbury, in said Oxford County, and being the same lots of land of which said William W. Mason died seized and possessed.

Also lot 1 in range 12 and 1/2 in common and undivided (additional to the preceding third) of lot 5, range 8, in the town of Roxbury in said Oxford County.

Also 15 certain lots of land situate in said town of Roxbury, being all and the same parcels of land conveyed by Charles P. Bartlett to said Frank Mason et al, by deeds dated August 15, 1892, and August 9, 1892, recorded in Oxford County Registry respectively in Book 230, Page 156, and Book 230, Page 11.

Also a certain lot of land situate in the town of Roxbury in said Oxford County, known as the Goff lot, and being the same premises conveyed to William W. Mason by Sewell Goff by deed dated May 30, 1892, recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Book 230, Page 326.

Also certain lands situate in the town of Andover in said Oxford County, known as the Howard and Abbott land, being the same premises conveyed to William W. Mason by Preston O. Howard and Henry M. Abbott by deed dated Oct. 7, 1882, recorded in Oxford County Registry, Book 202, Page 327.

Also certain land situate in the town of Mexico in said Oxford County, known as the Reed Farm, and being the same premises conveyed to I. Wallace Mason et al by Lydia A. Reed, by deed dated August 15, 1892 recorded in said Oxford County Registry, Book 230, Page 451.

Also 1/2 uncommon undivided of a certain parcel of land situate in the town of Grafton in said Oxford County being the same premises of which William W. Mason died seized and possessed, and the same described in a deed to said William W. Mason from W. W. Edwards dated Aug. 19, 1891, recorded in said Oxford County Registry, Book 223, Page 85, and H. A. Edwards, dated June 19, 1891, recorded in said Oxford County Registry, Book 223, Page 81.

Reference is made to all deeds and the records thereof above cited.

CYRUS M. WORMELL,
Deputy Sheriff.

October 28, 1899. 3w24

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WEST BETHEL.

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The drouth is only partially broken. The winter term of school begins next Monday.

The stere of J. E. Pike has been newly painted outside.

Deer hunters still have murder in their hearts when they strike fresh trails.

Mrs. Eunice Roberts has gone to Gorham, N. H., to spend the winter with her daughter.

Miss Flora J. Wheeler, after spending two weeks with her parents, went back to Jefferson, N. H. last Saturday.

Two weeks and two days from the date of this paper, the contest for the cooking range closes. It is a prize well worth striving for.

The taxidermist room of William H. Merrow shows that many deer have been slaughtered somewhere, but many heads are sent here from places far distant, as Mr. Merrow has a wide reputation for excellent work.

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The subject of the discourse by Rev. O. Stone on the Sabbath, was the "Holy Spirit."

The Ryerson House formerly known as "Bear River House" is now awaiting a tenant.

Mr. Horatio Parker and family spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Rufus Farrar of Grafton.

Rev. O. Stone and Mrs. Stone spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Abbott of Swan's Hill.

The Ladies' Union Circle will meet on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the vestry of Union church.

Trask Camp on Mt. Will has some new tenants. The family consists of six members. The men are engaged in sawing the birch timber.

Our young people attended the Thanksgiving dance at Eames Hall, North Newry. They found music, dancing and supper, all most enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Smith celebrated their golden wedding on the twenty-fifth of November. Mr. Smith, although not yet fully recovered from his sickness was able to enjoy the day. Our generations were represented by those present. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had a generous supply of presents, that from the eldest son, Freedom Smith of Augusta, being a golden one.

At Thanksgiving eve, Bear River patrons met with smiles and burdens of good cheer. The question for discussion "Are farmers equal to the rest of the world in general knowledge?" was decided in the negative by a majority of one. The Grange decided to send as delegate to the State Grange, our master, Carl W. Godwin. A song, "Poor Old Tramp," by J. R. Howard and a recitation by Mrs. E. Bryant was followed by a genuine Thanksgiving supper.

NORTH WEST BETHEL.

Mrs. Phoebe Chapman is at work for Mrs. Frank Brown.

Dell Stearns is home from Lakeside, where he worked the past summer.

O. W. Ellingwood and George Chapman go to Portland, next week, as jurors.

Mrs. E. A. Verrill, formerly Miss Brownie Stearns, is with her parents at this place for a while.

James Uhlman will move his family up Sunday River valley, where he has work for the winter.

The many friends of Mrs. Sally Bennett will be sorry to learn of her severe illness at her home in Gorham, N. H.

Lorin Trask has moved his camping utensils onto the Burnham lot, where he will finish his logging job which he began last winter.

E. S. Mason has moved the school house, which he purchased of the town, on to his land and will use it as a black smith and repair shop.

Mrs. Geo. Boothman and Mrs. James McLean and baby, who have been visiting relatives here for some weeks, returned to their homes in Woodsville, N. H., before Thanksgiving.

Births.

In North West Bethel, Dec. 2, to the wife of Frank Brown, a son.

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BROWNFIELD.

Dr. John Danforth is again quite ill.

Mrs. L. J. Chadbourne and daughter Maud, went to Portland last week for a little shopping trade.

Mr. Horace Chamberlain who was quite sick at his brother's, Freeman Chamberlain, has been moved to the town farm.

Mrs. W. L. Chandler and Mr. George Chapman in the Goodwin Hill District, are quite sick. Dr. Chellis of Kezar Falls attends them.

The Rural Telephone Company have set poles from Brownfield to Fryeburg, via the Healey neighborhood and expects to put up the wires this week.

Mr. E. B. Bean lost a tenant from his house at Dugway hill a few days ago, who quietly landed at the house on Main street, recently occupied by Mrs. Octavia Bryant.

Mr. Paris Rowe killed a twelve months old pig last week, which dressed 618 pounds. Mr. G. C. York, the photographer, took a picture of the pig before it was killed.

A wedding is announced by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blake. The contracting parties are Miss Flora Gertrude, their daughter, and Mr. Frank Everett Fessenden, to take place Wednesday the 6th inst.

The United States pensioners in Maine did not forget to call on some Justice of Peace Monday. In this town there are nearly sixty persons who are paid at the pension agency, either in Augusta, Me., or at Concord, N. H. Mrs. John Fogg has had her name transferred from the agency in New Hampshire to Maine, since last payment.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Guy Brooks went to Rangely Tuesday.

Wm. F. Darkee of Upton was in town Thursday.

A. R. Pennock went to Colebrook Wednesday.

Edgar H. Brooks came down from the Lake Thursday.

Wm. Whitmore has been to Colebrook, returning last Friday.

H. W. Fickett spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. John Olson.

R. S. Bean and G. W. Brooks have finished boarding the sides of the bridge.

W. A. M. Porden and Mr. Leadyard of New York, who have been in town for some time returned home Tuesday. D. C. Bennett and H. C. Linnell were their guides.

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SUNDAY RIVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trask have gone to Byron.

Dr. Kittredge of Farmington was here last Friday.

Julian Stowe has gone to Richardson Lake to work for E. F. Coburn.

H. M. Kendall and Walter Emery have each purchased a pair of fine horses.

H. M. Kendall carried Mrs. Spinney and Mrs. Mundt to Errol, N.H., last Saturday.

Andrew Jackson has built a logging camp and will commence to yard timber this week.

R. M. Williamson went to Norway to spend Thanksgiving with his brother, A. H. Williamson.

The Stetson School Improvement League held another successful social at the home of J. S. Brown, Saturday evening, Dec. 2. About thirty members were present. The time was pleasantly spent in playing. In the guessing game, prizes were awarded as follows: The wooden medal, Mrs. Eva York; the leather medal, Mr. Green Emery; the tin medal, Mr. Robert Bean. In the game, the test of the five senses, Miss Estelle Stowe carried off the medals for good taste and accurate sight. Mr. Martin Jackson was rewarded for being possessor of the keenest nasal appendage and for the most delicate touch. He was obliged to share with Master Grover Brown the prize for accuracy in hearing. As there was no opportunity to engage in the popular game of "chase the squirrel," the young men collected to "chase the pig," and horrified the ladies by suspending the poor animal by the neck after having caught him through the Herculean efforts of Mr. Sanford Brown. At nine o'clock the refreshments, which the ladies had brought in boxes, were sold at auction. After some spirited bidding, Auctioneer Brown disposed of the last box, when it was found that one young man was the lucky possessor of two. A short program of recitations and music, which was much enjoyed by all, followed the supper. The business and financial reports of the League were read. The U. S. flag for the school house, which was made by the scholars, was gracefully draped in the sitting room. Our Socials are such a success, it is hoped that we may have another soon. Our friends are requested to remember the Christmas tree and exhibition to be held the 23rd of this month. All funds received by the League are to be saved to purchase a library.

MILTON PLANTATION.

Olive Sweet of South Paris visited her uncle, D. C. Sweet, a few days last week.

W. S. Peaslee, wife and daughter, spent Thanksgiving with her parents. Marjorie is staying with her grandma this week.

Allice Lovjoy is having a short vacation from her school. She expects to teach the winter term in the same district of Abbott's Mills.

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NORTH NEWRY.

Mr. Y. A. Thurston and family of Ramford, spent Thanksgiving at M. L. Thurston's.

All those who attended the Thanksgiving ball at Eames hall Nov. 30, reported a good time.

Mrs. Nina Kilgore and son Wilbur, who have been visiting at R. W. Kilgore's for the past month, have returned to their home in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Fannie Widber has returned home from Waterford where she has been visiting Mrs. Col. Hapgood, and her son, W. W. Widber, at Portland.

Little Johnny Rowe, who lives at Mason, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe. He was given a party Saturday afternoon and evening, as he was to go back the following day. There was quite a gathering of children who seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

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THE L. R. BROWN CASE.

A Decision on Contested Points
Handed Down.

All people in this section are
more or less familiar with the L.
R. Brown estate matter, regarding
which litigation has been going on
for the past two months, in the
District Court of Dubuque County,
Iowa.

Levi R. Brown died Sept. 8, 1899,
at his residence in Epworth, Iowa,
eighteen miles from the city of Du-
buque, which is the county seat.
Mr. Brown was a native of Albany,
Maine, where he was born over six-
ty years ago. He had resided in
Iowa some forty years. He never
married and had lived alone, keep-
ing his own house, and working
on his large farm during these
years. He was a man of marked
ability and was for many years a
teacher in Iowa, and connected
with the school board for several
terms. He was strictly honest
and reliable in all his dealings and
was held in the highest esteem by
all who knew him. He died intestate
and his large property descend-
ed to his various brothers and sis-
ters or their descendants. Most of
these heirs reside in the East, sev-
eral of them being residents of
Bethel, and Albany. At the time
of his death, there were living two
brothers, Walter M. Brown and J.
C. Brown, and one sister, Mrs. Geo.
W. Harden, of Bethel, besides sev-
eral descendants or deceased broth-
ers and sisters.

Upon being advised of the death
of L. R. Brown, Walter M. Brown
and George W. Harden, accompan-
ied by Attorney Ellery C. Park, of
the firm, Herrick & Park of Beth-
el, went to Iowa to bring the re-
mains of their brother east, and al-
so to do whatever might be neces-
sary in order to protect the estate.
On arriving in Iowa, these par-
ties found that the remains had
been taken east by Mr. L. O. Brown,
a nephew of L. R. Brown, who is an
attorney in Illinois. After mak-
ing careful investigation, one Jas.
A. Hayes of Dubuque, was appoint-
ed administrator of the estate of
L. R. Brown upon petition of Mr.
Walter Brown and Mr. Harden,
representing his wife. Mr. Hayes
is clerk of the District Court for
Dubuque County, Iowa, and is a
man who stands high and against
whom not a word has been said.
After securing this appointment
and arranging for the settlement
of the estate to go on, the eastern
parties returned home.

Mr. L. O. Brown was dissatisfied
with the way things had been ar-
ranged, and upon his return to
Iowa, filed a petition alleging that
Mr. Hayes, being clerk of the
court, was disqualified from acting
as administrator, and asking his
removal. The petition also asked
the appointment of said L. O.
Brown as administrator of the es-
tate. A hearing was set.

Early in November, several of
the eastern heirs went to Iowa ac-
companied by Mr. Park, to be pre-
sent at the hearing. These heirs
and others which Mr. Park repre-
sented by power of attorney, asked
the retention of Mr. Hayes and op-
posed the appointment of L. O.
Brown. But in their resistance to
the removal of Hayes, these heirs
asked the Court, in case he should
find Hayes disqualified because of
the fact that he was clerk of the
court, to appoint some competent,
disinterested man of his own ac-
tion as administrator of said es-
tate. After a fruitless attempt to
compromise the matter and save
expense, the hearing occurred. It
lasted through two days and was
of much interest. After the hear-
ing, the Court said that he should
take considerable time in decid-
ing the matter as the result would
affect important interests, not on-
ly relative to the matter at bar,
but in other matters in the County.
The Court has just rendered its de-
cision. The decision is published
in full in the Dubuque Evening
Herald, and we quote the same.
The Herald says:

This matter comes up on the ap-
plication of L. O. Brown et al to
revoke letters of administration
heretofore issued, appointing
James A. Hayes administrator of
the estate of L. R. Brown, deceased.
L. O. Brown has filed a petition
since the appointment of the said
James A. Hayes, asking that he,
L. O. Brown, be appointed admin-
istrator of said estate. There
seems to be little, if any, dispute
as to the facts. Two questions of
law have been presented to the
Court and argued by counsel.
Numerous authorities have been
cited to this Court by counsel, in
support of their respective posi-

tions. I have given the authori-
ties cited by counsel careful exami-
nation and have also made an
independent research of my own.
I have thought it advisable to
render my decision in this matter
in writing so that there may be no
misunderstanding.

The facts, as disclosed by the
records and necessary to be con-
sidered by this Court are as fol-
lows: L. R. Brown, a wealthy
bachelor, died suddenly at his
residence on his farm, in Taylor
Township, in this county, Septem-
ber 7, 1899. Mr. Brown had lived
alone for a number of years and
did not have any relatives or near
friends residing in Iowa. His
parents were dead and his only
heirs were two brothers and a sis-
ter residing near Bethel, in the
state of Maine, a number of nieces
and nephews who reside in New
England, and L. O. Brown, George
Brown and Elizabeth Manning,
nephews and niece, who resided in
the state of Illinois. All heirs of
the deceased were then and are
now non-residents of the state of
Iowa. L. R. Brown, having died
suddenly and while alone, the
coroner of Dubuque county, R. F.
Bennett, Jr., was called to hold an
inquest, which he held. None of
the relatives of the deceased were
present when the inquest was held
and the coroner took possession of
the personal property of the de-
ceased and placed the same in
charge of the coroner's jury. The
body of the deceased was taken to
Maine for burial by two nephews,
L. O. Brown and George W. Brown.
The two nephews, L. O. Brown
and George W. Brown, had been
previously informed by wire that
the surviving brothers and the
husband of the surviving sister of
the deceased were coming to Iowa
for that purpose.

The inquest having been con-
cluded and the body removed and
no heirs-at-law or other represen-
tatives being present, the coroner,
desiring to be relieved of his re-
sponsibility, applied to the Court
to appoint James A. Hayes, clerk
of this court, special administrator
of the estate of said L. R. Brown,
who had died intestate. The ap-
pointment was made, the special
administrator qualified, gave bond
and entered on the discharge of
his duties September 12th. Sep-
tember 13th, Walter M. Brown, a
brother of the deceased, George
Harden, husband of Huldah B.
Harden, a sister of the deceased
accompanied by their attorney, E.
C. Park, Esq., of Bethel, Me., ar-
rived at the late home of the de-
ceased to look after the affairs of
the estate and found the special
administrator taking possession.
L. R. Brown, deceased, seized of
about five hundred acres of land,
worth about Twenty Thousand
Dollars; notes and mortgages to
the amount of about Ninety Thou-
sand Dollars; live stock and other
personal property, estimated to be
worth between Three Thousand
Dollars and Five Thousand Dol-
lars.

The matter of an appointment of
a general administrator was dis-
cussed and considered by the
parties interested. Mr. Park infor-
med the court that, as attorney for
the surviving brothers and sister
of the deceased, he would apply to
the court for the appointment of a
general administrator. That, from
his investigation of the law, he be-
lieved that a non-resident could
not be appointed such adminis-
trator. He was informed by the
court that though the statutes of
Iowa did not prohibit in express
terms the appointment of a non-
resident administrator, yet such
appointment was not advisable
and that the court did not approve
of the appointment of non-resi-
dent administrators, and believed
it was not a wise policy to make
such appointment. The court in-
formed Mr. Park that any qualified
and suitable resident of Iowa his
clients would suggest would be ap-
pointed, and no suggestion nor in-
formation was given to Mr. Park by
the court as to who should be
selected for such appointment. On
September 15 there was presented
the application now on file on be-
half of the only surviving broth-
ers and sister of deceased, asking
that the special administrator,
James A. Hayes, then and now
clerk of this court, be by the court
appointed general administrator.
The application was granted, the
appointment made, and Mr. Hayes
qualified and gave bond in the sum
of \$150,000, which bond was ap-
proved by the court. He published
notice of his appointment and en-
tered upon the discharge of his
duties. Mr. Hayes filed his final
report as special administrator and
was duly discharged by the court.
L. R. Brown was buried in Maine
September 14, and within twenty
days thereafter L. O. Brown, his
nephew, on behalf of himself,
George W. Brown and Elizabeth
Manning filed the application
herein to have the letters of the
administration revoked because
said Hayes, being clerk of the dis-
trict court and as such clerk given
certain power and authority in
probate matters, was legally dis-
qualified from acting as such ad-
ministrator, and further asking
that L. O. Brown, as next to kin,
applying within the time fixed by
the statute, be appointed adminis-
trator of the estate of L. R.
Brown, deceased. This application
was resisted by a majority in
number and interest of the heirs
of L. R. Brown, who finally resist-
ed by asking that James A. Hayes
be retained as administrator, and

asking that if the court should
find Mr. Hayes to be legally dis-
qualified from acting as adminis-
trator by reason of his being clerk
of the court, that the court appoint
some suitable person, resident of
Dubuque County, as such adminis-
trator and objecting strenuously
to the appointment of L. O. Brown.
There are two legal propositions
involved.

First—Is the clerk of the Dis-
trict Court, by reason of the duties
imposed upon him by statute in
probate matters, debarred from act-
ing as administrator, guardian, etc.,
wherein his reports must be filed
in his office, as clerk? Second—
Can a non-resident demand ap-
pointment as administrator of the
estate of a resident of Iowa dying
intestate? Or should the court, in
the use of a sound discretion, make
such appointment as he sees fit
and which, in his judgment, will
best preserve, protect and conserve
the property of such estate and the
interests of all persons entitled to
a distributive share therein. The
first question is an entirely new
one in this state and, as far as I
have been able to examine the
question, I have not found any de-
cisions of courts of last resort, in
other states that aid in determin-
ing it. It may be stated, as a gen-
eral rule, that any person capable
of making a contract is competent
to act as administrator, unless pro-
hibited by direct provision of statute
or necessary implication there-
from.

The second question is not a new
one in this state, nor is it difficult
to arrive at the true rule. There
are three decisions of the Supreme
Court of this State as to the ap-
pointments of non-residents of
Iowa as administrators of estates
of residents of this State dying and
leaving estates herein. The most
satisfactory conclusion to be drawn
from these decisions is that while
non-residence alone does not dis-
qualify, that the appointment of a
non-resident should only be made
in exceptional cases. It is a mat-
ter wherein the Court is given the
widest discretion and which the
Court is bound to exercise in the
best interests of all concerned in
the estate. This estate amounts to
over One Hundred Thousand Dol-
lars, is subject to a collateral in-
heritance tax of more than Five
Thousand Dollars, and until re-
moved from the county or distrib-
uted, is subject to county, town,
and school tax.

A large number of heirs living
in different and distant states are
interested. The debtors of the es-
tate to the number of over one hun-
dred and to the amount of over
Ninety Thousand Dollars, reside
in Dubuque County. The assets
must be kept in the jurisdiction of
the Court and the administrator
should be at all times within the
jurisdiction and subject to the or-
ders of the Court. He should be a
person on that the Court knows and
in whom it has confidence. The
applicant, L. O. Brown, is a non-
resident of the State of Iowa and a
stranger to the Court. A majority
of the heirs have filed their objec-
tion to his appointment and he
has no previous knowledge of the
estate and there is no special re-
ason why he should be appointed
administrator of this estate. The
best interests of the estate and ev-
ery one interested therein will be
conserved by the appointment of a
competent, experienced, disinter-
ested resident of Dubuque county,
as administrator of said estate.
This I have determined to do with-
out any suggestion from any of the
heirs or attorneys, as to who
should be appointed. It is there-
fore ordered that the appointment
of James A. Hayes as adminis-
trator of the estate of L. R. Brown,
heretofore made by this Court,
September 15, 1899, is hereby re-
voked as of this date, such revoca-
tion to in no way annul or invali-
date any acts of said James A.
Hayes done as such administrator
to date. He will within fifteen
days file his final report as such
administrator and turn over all
the assets of the estate coming in-
to his possession, less his proper
expenditures and charges, to his
successor.

D. E. Lyon, a resident of Du-
buque county for many years, a
attorney of the late L. R. Brown for
many years, and whom the Court
believes to be a competent and
suitable person is hereby appoint-
ed administrator of the estate of
L. R. Brown, deceased, and his
bond is fixed at the sum of One
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lars. He is ordered to publish no-
tice of his appointment for three
weeks in the Dubuque and the
Dubuque, to all of which all of
the parties hereto except
M. C. MATTHEWS,
District Judge.

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GENTLEMEN:

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Wanted.

The names of 1000 people who do not take the News. Which one of our subscribers will be the first to send us five.

THE NEWS.

Lost.

In the village, a pocket book containing a small sum of money. Finder please leave at the News office or return to T. S. Hutchins.

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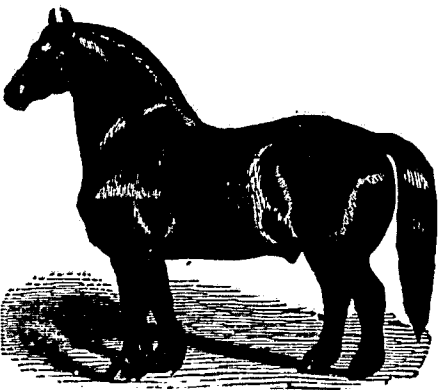
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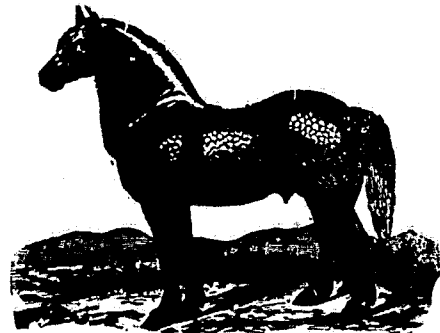
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Call and see us. Correspondence solicited.

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"THE HOUSEHOLD OUTFITTERS"

Oren Hooper's Sons, Portland, Maine.

Our Young Readers**The Youngest Son.**

[A reflection by one of his brothers.]
Now, when it comes to getting what other folks can't get,
An when it comes to doing what other folks ain't let

An takin turns the longest by rubbin' of your eyes,
An scoopin all the pennies an all the saucer pies
And seain some one bigger get licked for what you've did,
A feller can't help wishin he was the littiest kid!

But when you think of taggin an findin folks has run
An bein told it's bedtime, no matter what's the fun,
An takin mumps and measles an wearin girl's clothes

An never goin nowhere except when mother goes
An learnin all the lessons of what us boys is rid,
Then's when a chap's as willin he ain't the littiest kid!

—Catherine Young Glen in St. Nicholas.

STORY OF BRAVE TOMMY AND THE GOLDEN KEY.

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Tommy was a very poor little boy. His home was a very small house indeed and his bed only a heap of rags on the floor. That family had little to eat at any time, and often there was nothing at all, and, as for clothes, not one of them knew what a whole new garment meant. Yet Tommy, the youngest of the family, never lost heart nor complained of what his parents could do for him. He was only anxious to do what he could. So on the afternoon when this story opens he was off in the woods in search of chestnuts, which, if well boiled, would serve for a supper if there was nothing else, something which was quite too likely to be the case. While at his task he noticed a cat somehow caught in the branches of a tall tree. She mewed pitifully, and the kind hearted



A FIERCE LOOKING GOBLIN STOOD GUARDING AN IRON SAFE.

boy climbed up and set the pretty animal free. He felt himself well rewarded when as the cat ran gayly away he found a golden key which had been fastened to her neck and a little note saying that it was for him.

Tommy was soon hurrying down to the village store, with the idea of exchanging the bit of gold for some bread and meat to take home, when a poorly dressed old woman stopped him and asked him to help her along. So good a boy could not refuse. In spite of his haste, and the old woman, who must have been a fairy, told him not to sell his golden key, but to come with it to a certain big oak tree just as the clock was striking 12 that night and he would surely find his fortune. The old woman then seemed to melt into the air.

The boy had no secrets from his mother, and it was she who wakened him that night in time to reach the oak tree before midnight. But it so happened that, while he was running as fast as he could, a sick man asked him to fill a golden cup with water. A dead spirit whispered to the boy to steal the cup, but his true heart said no, and when the sick man had drunk the water which Tommy brought him he went with the boy to the oak, and suddenly a door appeared in its rough bark which the golden key unlocked.

"Only the bad need be afraid," said the man just as the clock began striking the hour of 12, and he then melted away into the air. Just as the old woman had done. A long passage stretched before the boy, ending in a little room, where a fierce looking goblin stood guarding an iron safe. Tommy thought his promised fortune must be within the safe, so he asked the goblin to open it, although sounds seemed to come from it like the roaring of lions. But when the door was thrown open there were no lions or other fierce animals in sight nor yet any treasures, but only another long and very low and narrow passage, through which, with much discomfort and sinking of heart, the brave little boy finally crept.

To his delight, he came out into a large and beautiful room, where many children were playing games, and something which pleased him even more, there was set a table of dainties, to which he was bidden to seat himself. After eating such a meal as he had never known before he joined the children at play and would perhaps have been playing yet if suddenly his conscience had not reminded him that he had come in search of a fortune to help his parents and his brothers and sisters and not merely to amuse himself. So he broke away from the children, who at that began to call him bad names, and, opening a door, he saw indeed all the treasures any one could desire, great shining heaps of silver of all shapes and kinds, and he

**THANKSGIVING ELVES**

Oh, far away in Slumberland
The dream elves work all day
With magic spell and magic wand
A-weaving visions gay;
A-fashioning from woof of mist
And rainbow colors bright,
With many a turn and many a twist,
The dreams that haunt the night!
'Tis now they toil with double zeal
At phantoms weird and rare.
Thanksgiving day doth nearer steal;
Likewise Thanksgiving fare.
The toothsome turkey, well they wot,
Nor pie nor pudding sweet
By mortals would be relished aught
Without that nightmare treat.

CAROLINE WETHERELL



found a number of other boys looking longingly at the treasures, but hesitating to go toward them because the path was full of very sharp thorns, and, as was said by those who, after making a trial, came back, the few stepping stones were not enough to burn one's feet.

One of the little fellows, however, followed Tommy across, although both of them suffered a good deal before they reached the other side. Filling their pockets with all the silver they could carry, Tommy and his comrade were just about to seek the shortest way home when they were told that if they would open the door right before them they would see treasures of gold to which the silver was nothing. And so they found it to be, but Tommy's comrade was not brave enough to attempt to make the passage over the plank to the place where the treasures lay. And small wonder was it, since flames and smoke kept rolling up from a deep pit beneath it, and, while the plank was very narrow, to slip and fall into the pit would be terrible indeed. Tommy, however, made the passage safely, but he had no sooner exchanged his silver for the gold than he was told that still further on he could find treasures of jewels to which the gold could not be compared. The jewels were rare and beautiful indeed, but Tommy lingered for some time before he mustered courage for the hardest trial of all.

In order to reach the jewels he would have to cross a wild and foaming river, full of sharp rocks, and where, while he stood waiting for a boat, he saw other like seekers of a fortune wrecked and carried below. He had to give up all his gold for a boat and when half way over was so frightened at his peril that he would have turned back if he had not seen that that was the most dangerous thing of all to do. His boat was upset by another, but it happened when he was so near the other side that he could save himself.

It took the boy only a few minutes to gather jewels enough to make every fine lady in the land envious, and then, opening a door close at hand, he found himself, not, as he expected, far from home, but indeed just outside the oak tree he had entered. But the bell, which had been sounding the first strokes of 12 when he entered the tree, was only completing the number as he came out.

The tired boy hurried home and, finding his heap of rags in the corner without awakening anybody, fell fast asleep. No wonder his parents, his brothers and sisters were surprised and happy in the morning when he emptied out upon the bare floor his treasure of jewels and they knew they would never again know what poverty or discomfort meant.—Condensed by the Author, Charles J. Bellamy, From "Return of the Fairies."

His Way Out.

A certain Irish member of parliament, popular and a bachelor, had been very polite to the daughter of the house where he was visiting. When the time came for him to go, the too anxious mamma called him in for a serious talk. "I'm sure I don't know what to say," she went on. "This reported all around that you are to marry Letitia."

"Just say that she refused me," quietly advised the parliamentarian.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Cycling makes time pass quickly, for the cyclist can make a century run.

A DIFFERENCE IN SHADE.

Oh should papa chance to be a lordly millionaire,
Then "Titan-tinted tresses" is the color of her hair;
But should a common sort of a man be mentioned as her sire,
Why then she's that red-headed she would set a comb on fire.

Tickling Straws.

"Board wanted" was what the young lady said when she came to a mud puddle.

Stern parent (to a young applicant for his daughter's hand)—
"Young man, can you support a family?"
Young man (meekly)—"I only wanted Sarah, sir."

"Dear," said a physician's wife as they sat in church, "there is Mrs. G—sitting in a draft."
"Well," said her husband, "I shall cash that draft."

WELL! WELL! WELL!

A Long Island man's well dried up and he viewed the remains with this pleasantry. "Well! well! this well is well dried up. Not feeling well a drink would taste well, but I will have to leave well enough alone until well toward spring and thus wishing the well well he went well out of sight still feeling unwell, well thirsty and well-nigh exhausted.

Two artists went out into the suburbs to sketch crows. They saw a fine specimen in a cornfield, and, after approaching him, began to make a drawing from life. The nearer they got, the more they admired him. Wonderfully tame the bird seemed, until he suddenly turned out to be only the top of a burned stump.

A young prince, who was fond of music, and plumed himself—certainly without reason—on his voice and style of singing, once treated the company to a few of his favorite airs, after which he turned to a prima donna who was present, and asked her candid opinion; "Now, tell me sincerely, signora, how you think I sing these popular melodies?" "Like a prince," replied the artist with a malicious smile.

We are a nation of mechanics and the President is a cabinet-maker.

The skins of animals were the earliest form of money, so we are told. No doubt a skunk skin was considered a scintpiece.

A baby is thing to make
The home forever bright:
It forces you to lie awake
And burn the gas all night.

"Are you in favor of annexation?"
He asked of the girl at his side;
"Yes," said the sweet creature, so they called on the preacher,
And the treaty was ratified.

A COLD FAREWELL.

"How can I bare to leave thee?
To get more cold would grieve me,
And, if I raise my hat, the dreadful draught will strike on my bald head
How can I bare to leave thee?"

Edgar's Your Bowels With Chaserate.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever.
10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Who is the Most Popular Teacher of Andover?

We are to give the Citizens of Andover a Chance to Decide.

The publishers of the News have decided to inaugurate a friendly voting contest and give the people of Andover a chance to decide this question by popular vote.

Basis of Voting.

Beginning this week, each issue of the News until January 1, 1900, will contain a vote, which, when properly filled out and returned to this office, will count one vote.

Each yearly subscription to the News will count 100 votes.

Each yearly renewal will count 50 votes.

Every dollar paid on advertising or job printing will count 25 votes.

Please note that no votes will be counted until the money is paid in, and that the votes on advertising and job printing are confined to new work secured by the contestants or their friends.

A Prize.

When it has been decided who the most popular teacher is, we will give that teacher a copy of Webster's International Dictionary. This book needs no recommendation as all teachers know that it is one of the finest dictionaries in the world.

To the Contestants.

The dictionary if secured will prove of much value to you, but the name of being Andover's most popular teacher will be more. Begin at once. The one that waits to see what the others are doing will not be the one to secure the prize. See your friends throughout the town and elsewhere, and invite them to assist you by subscribing for the News. Interest your scholars and they will prove of much help to you. Subscriptions are what you must get if you secure the prize, so get all you can.

The following are entered thus far. Send in your votes for them:

Mr. N. D. Akers,
Miss Flora Gilbert,
Miss Alice Bedell,
Miss Waterworth,

Dictionary Contest.

One Vote for

Cut this out and vote for the most popular teacher in Andover.

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The most complete stock of Pianos, Organs, Stools, Scarfs and Instruction Books ever had. Ivers & Pond Behr Bros., Merrill, Estey and Prescott Pianos. Estey, Carpenter, Packard and Wilcox & White Organs, all in stock. Illustrated catalogues of all these instruments sent upon application. Instruments sold on easy monthly terms.

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The Other Fellows don't Like It

when some of their customers commence calling on us. It doesn't hurt us though. In fact it is generally a good sign that

We are Giving Bargains,

that our competitors could not or would not give.

Our special for this time is:—Waltham, P. S. Bartlett, 17 jewels, nickel movement, adjusted etc, stem wind and set, in "Boss" 14k gold filled case, warranted for 25 years, only \$15; others ask \$18 to \$22. 20 year case \$2 less. ALL other makes of cases cost less than "Boss."

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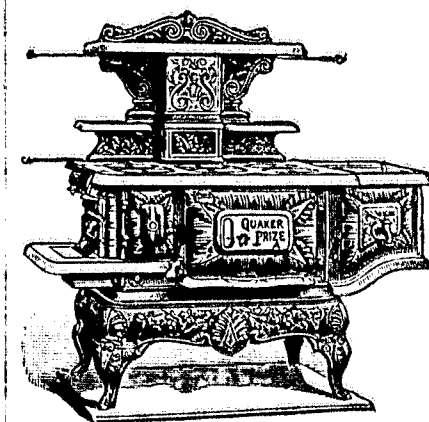
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Christmas :

is near at hand and we want to call the attention of our

News Friends to our complete assortment of

Dinner Ware, Carving Sets and Cutlery.

Don't fail to visit us, **MAINE'S... BUSIEST CORNER**, when you are in Portland.

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Buys this luxurious Turkish Rocker direct from the makers, freight prepaid, sent "on approval" to be returned at our expense if not perfectly satisfactory in every respect. A magnificent Christmas, birthday or wedding gift. Covered with "Pantolone," a material almost impossible to tell from real leather, and far superior to it, as it does not crack, peel or scratch. Rocker or standing arm chair at same price. Choice of maroon, olive green, or red covering. The casters are ball bearing. Has tufted back and arms, and full spring seat, arms and back. It is made by us and is absolutely guaranteed in every way. It is a regular size value.

"THE HOUSEHOLD OUTFITTERS" Oren Hooper's Sons, Portland, Maine.

ERROL, N. H.

H. M. Kendall of Newry was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bragg went to Berlin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fickett returned from Berlin last week.

Mrs. Fred Mundt is home from Newry. Her mother returned with her to spend the winter.

There is to be a church sociable held in the church here Wednesday, Dec. 13. All are cordially invited.

The school at the River and up Clear stream closed last week. Miss Ellen Douglass who taught the river school has gone to her home in Bethel.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

School closed here last week. Miss Twaddle was liked very much and all regret that she can not teach again next term as she intends to go away to school. The last afternoon a very pretty program was carried out. It consisted of recitations and select readings, in which all the scholars did their best. A number of visitors were present.

Quite a number "dined out" Thanksgiving Day. Charles Davis, the Lake stage-driver, on Swan's Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holt and Mrs. Clark on Bethel Hill; Mr. and Mrs. David Gorham, at S. N. Kimball's and Mr. and Mrs. Caswell and daughter, Ona, at Tapley Kimball's.

To Cure Constipation Forever. The Cuscuta Cures Catarrh, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fails to cure, druggists refund money.

Lost.

One pair of gold-bowed eye glasses, on the North West Bethel road, Nov. 13th. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to Dr. G. L. Sturdivant, Bethel, Me.

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Send in your old Furs to be made over, repaired, etc:

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232 MIDDLE STREET

PORTLAND, ME.

Same side Falmouth Hotel.

NORTH WATERFORD.

Charles Grover is digging a well. Agnes Sawin is on the sick list. The Odd Fellows hall is nearly done.

Mrs. Littlefield has her well all stoned.

Annie Ray is at work for Mrs. Cliff Rice.

Mabel Kneeland is at work for Mrs. John Lewis.

Bertha Grover is at work for Mrs. George Brownell.

Mrs. George Rice is caring for the sick at Mrs. Hobbs'.

Sumner Bean of Albany visited his sister, Mrs. Harry Sawin Sunday.

Bert Bird has gone to work for Will Chadbourne at East Waterford.

Mrs. Lydia Sawin is visiting relatives at East Waterford this week.

Sam Young is at work for Mr. Burnham of Lynchville sawing birch.

Brown & Son are putting up a mill, where the corn shop used to be.

Sadie Howe, who is teaching school at Stoneham, was at home for Thanksgiving.

Sam Hersey who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Nettie Sawin, has returned to his home.

Len Brown of Stoneham who has been staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Littlefield, a few days, has returned to his home.

Isabel Woodbury who is attending school at Farmington, is spending her vacation with her sisters, Mrs. Fred and Harry Saunders.

The village school began Dec. 4. The upper room is to be taught by Bert Saunders of East Waterford, and the lower room by Bertha Hamlin.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Some time ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—THOMAS C. BOWER, Glencoe, O.

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GRAFTON.

Ernest Farrar was in Bethel last week.

Will H. Otis has gone to Houghton to work for Mr. Thomas.

Blanche Pratt who is working at Errol, N. H., was home over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Parker and children of Newry Corner spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. A. W. Farrar.

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To Let.

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ANDOVER.

Revival meetings are to be held this week at the Methodist church.

Miss Mary Talbot has been spending a few weeks with her friends in this town.

The King's Daughters held a social at Mrs. H. L. Poor's on Tuesday evening of this week.

Mrs. Jonathan Abbott is reported in failing health. Up to the past two weeks she had been improving from her illness in the summer.

Henry Bradeen was suddenly stricken with paralysis last Friday and died Sunday. For the past few years he has had a general store in East Andover.

The Andover Hook & Ladder Company gave a Ball on Thanksgiving evening. Nearly fifty couples were present and a social pleasant evening was the result. Oyster and pastry supper was served.

The King's Daughters are working now to get money enough to repair the ceiling of the Town Hall. They intend to put in a steel ceiling, and then when the walls are painted the room will look much better. There is lots of "go ahead" in the society and whatever they undertake they carry out with a will.

BRYANT POND.

Carl Dudley is at home.

Ellsworth Hill has returned from Berlin Falls.

S. G. Wyman went to Rumford Falls last Saturday.

Mrs. Dollie Carroll began her school at North Paris, Dec. 5.

Miss Alice Day has gone to Norway, to work in the shoe shop.

Miss Myrtle Bacon, who is teaching in Portland, was at home last week.

Our primary teacher, Miss Alice Monroe, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Waterford.

No-To-Bac for fifty cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, \$1. All druggists.

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